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SUBJECT: "PRG" SPOKESMAN OBLIQUELY REJECTS GVN CALL  
FOR NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: STATE 245718

1. AT WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE AT TAN SON NHAT NOVEMBER 9 "PRG" SPOKESMAN OPENED BY CHARGING THAT "THIEU ADMINISTRATION" WAS INTENSIFYING THE WAR, REPRESSING THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE MOVEMENTS IN SVN, AND HAD PROVED ITSELF TO BE WARLIKE AND FASCIST, COUNTER TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, AND A MAIN OBSTACLE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. SPOKESMAN DECLARED FURTHER THAT DEMANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR OVERTHROW OF THIEU WERE "LEGITIMATE DEMANDS IN FULL ACCORD WITH MORALITY AND WITH THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT" BECAUSE AS

LONG AS THIEU REMAINED IN OFFICE WAR WOULD CONTINUE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT. PEACE AND NATIONAL CONCORD WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. SPOKESMAN FURTHER ALLEGED THAT "THIEU ADMINISTRATION", UNDER US CONTROL AND WITH US SUPPORT, HAD CEASELESSLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY SABOTAGED THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN ALL RESPECTS. HE ASSERTED THAT THIEU HAD REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY, HAD MADE PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO EVADE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND HAD SABOTAGED THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE "PRG" AND DRV DELEGATIONS, THEREBY PARALYZING THE WORK OF THE TPJMC AND ICCS.

2. SPOKESMAN THEN DECLARED. "RECENTLY, IN ORDER TO WASH OFF ITS CRIMES, AND IN ORDER TO DECEIVE PUBLIC OPINION, THIEU AND HIS LIKE HAVE COME OUT WITH SLANDEROUS CHARGES AGAINST THE PRG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV IN PLAYING THE GAME OF DEMANDING THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER SAIGON ISSUED ITS DECLARATION, THE US ISSUED A STATEMENT WELCOMING THIS GESTURE. BUT ALL CONTENTIONS AND ALLEGATIONS USED BY THIEU IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY FOR THEIR OWN SABOTAGE OF THE AGREEMENTS, ALL BLOODY TRICKS USED BY THEM IN ORDER TO CLING TO THEIR POSITION AS INSTRUMENTS OF THE US, AS STOOGES OF THE US, ALL SUPPLIES OBVIOUS EVIDENCE AND TRUTH TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE AN ADMINISTRATION

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WHICH SABOTAGES THE AGREEMENTS AND THEY ARE AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH MUST BE OVERTHROWN, THE USG IN ENDEAVORING TO PROTECT AND FEED THE THIEU ADMINISTRATION, AN ADMINISTRATION WHOSE OVERTHROW IS NOW STRONGLY DEMANDED BY THE POPULATION, DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THAT THE USG HAS NOT BEEN WILLING TO RENOUNCE ITS POLICY OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM, THUS BETRAYING

ITS SIGNATURE IN THE DOCUMENTS, THUS GOING COUNTER TO THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THUS OPPOSING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE SITUATION GIVE MORE AND MORE ELOQUENT DEMONSTRATION TO THE FACT THAT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE PRGRSVN IN ITS STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 8, 1974, IS ENTIRELY CORRECT AND CONSISTENT WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WITH THE DAMDN FOR STRICT AND SCRUPULOUS EXECUTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ONLY BY ENDING US MILITARY INVOLVMENT AND INTERVENTION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, ONLY BY OVERTHROWING THIEU AND HIS LIKE, ONLY BY FORMING AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS WILLING TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMTN ON VIET-NAM CAN THERE BE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMEN-TATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM, ONLY WITH THESE THINGS CAN THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE SOUTH VIET-NAMESE POPULATION FOR PEACE, DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS, AND NATIONAL CONCORD BE REALIZED."

3. DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON GVN FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFER TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. HE RESPONDED, "THIS IS SIMPLY A DECEPTIVE TRICK" AND REPEATED ARGUMENTS SET FORTH ABOVE.

4. COMMENT: THE COMMUNISTS SEEM TO BE FINDING THE GVN CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. THE SPOKESMAN IMPLIED THAT IT WAS ONLY A MEANINGLESS MANEUVER AND TERMED IT A TRICK, BUT DID NOT DIRECTLY REJECT IT.  
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